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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
GUTIERREZ et al  
Serial No.: 09/914,823  
Filed: August 31, 2001  
For: USE OF...COMPOSITION

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RESPONSE

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
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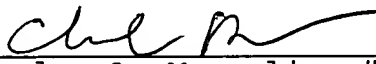
Sir:

Responsive to the notice of non-compliant amendment dated September 17, 2002, Applicants believe that the notice was issued in error.

The notice required a clean version of the amended claims and clean version was submitted in the amendment of September 3, 2002. The only thing presented in the clean copy of microorganism Padina pavonica which is required in order to indicate that it is a microorganism. This is consistent with the normal practice and therefore, the copy filed was clean. A copy of the response is submitted herewith. Therefore, it is requested that the amendment be transferred to the Examiner for action.

Respectfully submitted,  
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